

COURT SHIFTS ARE URGED TO CLEAR DOCKETS

Concentration of Jurists on Congested Districts, Plan of Federal Bench Meeting

SUPREME BODY AFFECTED

Taft Would "Winnow Out" All Minor Disputes and Refer Them to Other Tribunals

By Universal Service.
Plans looking toward organization of the Federal force of district judges to dispose of pending cases were initiated at the first annual conference of Federal senior circuit judges, it was asserted by Chief Justice Taft of the Supreme Court following the adjournment of the meeting.

The conference also selected ten committees to deal with the various phases of the problems confronting the Federal judiciary throughout the country.

TEXT OF STATEMENT
Chief Justice Taft's statement follows:
The actual deliberations of the conference of judges satisfied them it was possible to make the conference very useful in the organization of the Federal force of judges into a more effective means of doing the work assigned by the law to the judiciary of the national government.

The members of the conference were glad to discover that the circuit courts of appeals are up with their work, and that it is practically possible for one to perfect his appeal after the first of October and to have it disposed of before the end of June; that the circuit courts of appeals do not adjourn without clearing their dockets of all cases submitted and ready for argument.

The congestion is in the district courts.
In most of these, the judicial force has been increased by law, but either the new judges have not been appointed and confirmed, or have not begun the exercise of their functions sufficiently to enable the conference now to make a complete and comprehensive survey of the situation, with reference to the determination of possible transfers and the massing of extra judicial force at these strategic points for disposition of arrears.

SUPREME COURT PACKED.
The only other place of congestion is in the Supreme Court. That court is fifteen months behind in its docket, but the arrears can be made up if the Houses of Congress will pass a bill which is now pending there, prepared by the Supreme Court, which will enable it to winnow out of the cases which come before it, promptly, which do not concern the public interest and ought not to occupy the attention of the court.

Judge Henry Wade Rogers of the Second Circuit (Connecticut and New York) was made member of the committees on Forms and Procedure in Transfers of Judges from District to District and Circuit to Circuit, and on Need and Publishing of Transfers of Judges.

Judge Francis E. Baker of the Seventh Circuit (Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin) serves on the committees on Amendments to Appellate Procedure, and on Recommendations to District Judges of Changes in Local Procedure to Expedite Disposition of Pending Cases and to Rid Dockets of Dead Litigation.

Judge William B. Gilbert of the Ninth Circuit (California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Montana, Idaho, Arizona, Alaska and Hawaii) was appointed to the same committees as Judge Rogers.

ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS

INFANTRY.
Major Robert C. Richardson, Jr., to Washington, D. C.; Second Lieut. John F. Lovagnolo to Camp Lewis, Washington; Major William H. Shuman to Washington, D. C.; Major John S. Sullivan to Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio.

ORDNANCE.
Capt. Harold S. Wilkins to Washington, D. C.

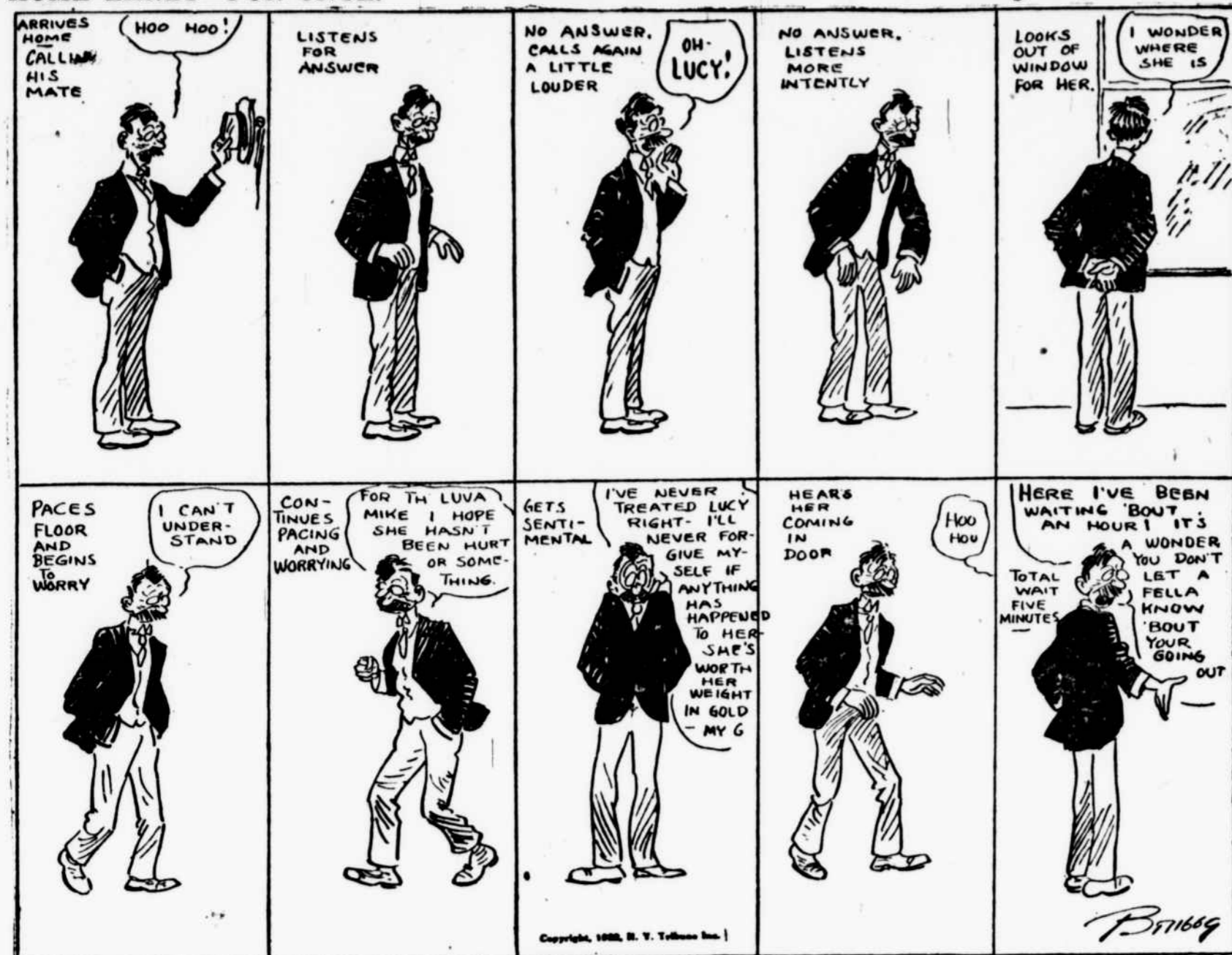
QUARTERMASTER CORPS.
Major Orlino H. Sampson to San Francisco, Cal.; Col. Sam F. Bottoms to Panama Canal department; Major John H. Adams to Fort Humphreys, Va.

MEDICAL CORPS.
Major Earl L. Hering to Panama Canal Zone.

ARTILLERY.
Major William S. Fulton to Fort Banks, Mass.; Capt. Jesse B. Hunt to El Paso, Tex.

NAVY ORDERS.
Lieut. Samuel P. Jenkins to Key West, Fla.; Lieut. J. G. Raymond to Ft. Tyler to Lakehurst, N. J.; Ensign Oliver W. Gaines to Pensacola, Fla.; Ensign John B. Mallard to scouting fleet; Ensign John F. Wegforth to battle fleet; Comdr. John T. Kennedy to U. S. S. New Mexico; Lieut. Comdr. James D. Bobbitt to Los Angeles, Cal.; Lieut. Comdr. Jasper V. Howard to U. S. S. Idaho; Lieut. Comdr. Edward C. White to U. S. S. Orizaba; Lieut. William W. Davies to Pensacola, Fla.; Lieut. Francis P. Field to Asiatic station; Lieut. Vincent Hernandez to U. S. S. New York; Lieut. William S. Leavenworth to San Diego, Cal.; Lieut. Joseph L. Schwartz to San Diego, Cal.; Lieut. Alva A. Shadday to Asiatic station; Lieut. J. G. James P. Finnegan to Mare Island, Cal.; Lieut. J. G. Gilbert E. Gaylor to Washington, D. C.; Lieut. J. G. Frank K. Soukup to Washington, D. C.; Lieut. John S. George to U. S. S. Arizona; Lieut. Franklin L. Morey to U. S. S. Arctostock.

MOVIE OF A MAN ARRIVING HOME EARLY—FOR ONCE.



NEW SUN SPOT FAILS TO INTERRUPT RADIO

Wave of Static Electricity Usually Produced Not to Affect Earth.

By JOHN GOLDSTROM.

Yesterday's observations of the new sun spot indicate that it has decided not to throw a magnetic monkey wrench into the plans of radio fans to exchange New Year greetings by wireless. A sort of tidal wave of static had been feared.

Reports from Dr. George H. Peters, astronomer at the Naval Observatory, the radio division of the Bureau of Standards, and the telegraph and telephone companies, indicated that the present sun storm will be non-magnetic so far as earth is concerned.

The sun is more versatile than the leopard in that it can and does change its spots. There are changes of styles in sun spots as variable as the change in spots on women's veils. The present spot, or group of spots, has been changing daily since its first appearance late last week.

This has produced the effect of a writhing grimace on the face of the sun, produced by inverted volcanoes, or gaseous whirlpools several hundred miles deep, and so hot that their heat can be guessed at only in terms of headache-producing figures.

There are various theories as to why these phenomena appear to be concentrated as spots on the face of the sun, but the most generally accepted is that they owe their darkness mainly to the absorption of light due to the cooler vapors which fill them.

The group now under daily observation will be visible until the latter part of the coming week. That part of the group which is south of the sun's equator was visibly more extended today. The whole forms one of the largest spots on record, defying about one-fifth of the sun's surface.

In times past telegraph and telephone service has been interfered with seriously by magnetic disturbances connected in some unexplained way with the appearance of sun spots. The joint observations of Dr. Peters and Dr. C. G. Abbot, chief of the astro-physical observatory of the Smithsonian Institution, indicate that disturbances come only from those spots which are directly upon or very near the sun's meridian.

This time the spot group is not in the magnetic area in so far as earth is affected, and as it has developed sufficiently to reveal its general character, neither wire nor wireless service seems to be threatened.

The reason for the magnetic sun spot is believed to be that it centers on that portion of the sun's surface which is for the time being nearest the earth, or pointed most directly at the earth, and therefore in position to discharge direct rays at it.

At such a time magnetic rays have only about 93,000,000 miles to travel.

What's Doing Today and Tomorrow

Today.
New Year breakfast—Alpha Sigma Lambda Fraternity, Capitol Park Hotel, midnight.
Address—The Dyer Bill and Its Defeat—Perry W. Howard, special assistant to the Attorney General, Twelfth street branch, Y. M. C. A., 8 p. m.
Walk—Wanderlusters, Chevy Chase Circle, 2:30 p. m.
Meeting—Pal of Mine Social Club, 611 p. street northwest, 8 p. m.
Ball—Town and Country Club, at club-house, evening.
Hike—Red Triangle Club, Seventeenth street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, 8 p. m.

Sir Basil Thompson Urges Speedy Trials to Halt Crime Wave

One of the greatest agencies for the prevention of crime in the United States is to give speedy trial to the criminal and other violators of the law, said Sir Basil Thompson, former head of the British Secret Service and the Criminal Investigation Department of Scotland Yard, London, in an interview at the New Willard Hotel last night.

Delays caused by grand jury action, appeals from court and jury verdicts, the facilities for the criminal to obtain his or her release on bonds pending court action in the United States, all tend to contribute as a cause for the widespread crime in this country, he said.

"In England," said Sir Basil, "there is no delay in the trial and the meeting out of punishment to the criminal. A man arrested to-night is arraigned before a magistrate the following morning. At the hearing the depositions of the witnesses are taken and immediately presented to the grand jury. Before the day is over a true bill is returned by the grand jury and the criminal is tried, convicted—if guilty, of course—and sentenced. The criminal has right of one appeal. He is not permitted to obtain his release on bonds pending action on the appeal. He is kept confined in prison. Because of this we have but few appeals from court decisions in England."

FIRST WOMAN TO DIE.
Referring to the pending execution of Mrs. Edith Thompson, who was sentenced to be hanged for the slaying of her husband, Sir Basil said that she will be the first woman to die on the gallows in England, as a penalty for a crime, in forty years.

Asked if he favored capital punishment, the distinguished visitor declared that it would be dangerous to abolish it. He feels, he said, that capital punishment is a deterrent against crime and referred to places where it had been abolished only to be restored again because of an increase in homicides.

In proportion to population there are more violent crimes in the United States than in England. He said that in recent years approximately one out of every 63,000 residents of London have been slain, against one out of 12,000 in the United States.

Sir Basil's investigation also has shown that contrary to opinions of some experts, crime has not increased materially in the United States because of the world war. He said there was less crime in the United States today, than before the United States entered the hostilities. He said that the crime wave in Germany is due to hunger.

Prohibition cannot be enforced to the letter in England, no more than in the United States, he said. "That's why we have not a prohibition law in England," declared Sir Basil. "We don't have any laws that we cannot enforce. Before any law is enacted in England, Scotland Yard is asked whether it can be enforced. If told it cannot, the law is not created."

"However, of all my experience with criminals, not only as head of Scotland Yard, but as chief of penal institutions, I have never found a professional criminal who drank to excess. To do so would be disaster to him. It would be practically suicide as far as any future operations. No, we have no

KILLED BY STEAMSHOVEL.
Caldwell, Ohio, Dec. 30.—J. C. Holland, twenty-eight, Joplin, Mo., employed in the construction of a road in Noble county, was instantly killed today when caught under a falling steamshovel dipper at South Olive.

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BENT WING PLANE ASTOUNDS AVIATORS

All Metal Machine Rises 18,000 Feet in 10 Minutes, Flies 290 Miles an Hour.

By BASIL WOON.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—An all metal airplane capable of rising in ten minutes to 18,000 feet and then flying horizontally at the amazing rate of 290 miles an hour is the phenomenal novelty of this year's Paris aeronautic salon.

The airplane, the result of four years study by Deputy Rene Fokker, ace of aces, is on an entirely new principle. Its fuselage measures only seven feet. Its wings are bent back in flight to an angle of 60 degrees toward the fuselage, so that the pilot's berth is enclosed on three sides.

The effect of this bending back of the wings is to lessen air resistance to the extent of 70 per cent, ensuring a terrific speed, for only at high speed could such an airplane keep in the air.

Landing at the speed necessary to fly with bent wings would be a physical impossibility, but this difficulty is overcome by the pilot being able to straighten the wings when he wishes to descend.

It is recalled that during the war a French aviator Morane invented a chassis plane on the bent wing principle. But no Morane "parasol" as it was called, ever got to the front for the reason that it landed at such high speed that pilots could not be found who were willing to fly it.

On the scene which attended his presentation at last year's Paris salon, Fokker is not exhibiting this year.

An Italian ten-engine plane, built to cross the Atlantic in thirty-five or forty hours with sixty passengers, was not completed in time to be exhibited. It was reported that the Italian firm plans to establish a regular transatlantic service next summer. But French experts are skeptical. They say the cost of running such a regular service would be prohibitive.

Explosion of Boilers

Wrecks Chair Factory
GALLIPOLIS, Ohio, Dec. 30.—Boilers in the plant of the Gallipolis Chair Company exploded today, fatally injuring Edward Boulware, a member of the firm and demolishing part of the plant, which was set on fire, but put out with little damage.

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ASKS FUND TO MAKE NAVY FIT TO FIGHT

Harding Approves Denby Request for \$6,500,000 to Start Repair of Ships.

NEEDED TO HOLD PLACE

Secretary Says Five-Power Treaty Changed Needs of Sea Forces.

By Universal Service.
President Harding yesterday called on Congress to provide the means for immediately beginning the modernization of capital ships of the American navy.

An emergency appropriation of \$6,500,000 to start work on thirteen battleships is asked by Secretary Denby and approved by Director of the Budget Lord and the President. Ultimately it is proposed to expend \$30,000,000 in this modernization program. The \$6,500,000 is asked to be made available for expenditure during the present fiscal year.

NEEDED TO KEEP PACE.
Secretary Denby declares that as a result of the five-power treaty, this is the only means by which the American navy can keep pace with foreign sea powers. In a letter to Director Lord the Secretary states:

The treaty for the limitation of naval armaments, which this nation has ratified, definitely stops for the powers signatory the construction of new capital ships for many years and therefore imposes on this nation a different policy for our capital ships are to be maintained at a standard of efficiency comparable to that of similar vessels of foreign powers.

READY TO START.
This department is now ready to proceed with the modernization of certain capital ships provided funds for the project may be obtained. The program tentatively adopted is necessarily spread over a considerable period. The money requested in this estimate is sufficient to make a beginning of the project and to undertake necessary work on thirteen vessels.

That this policy should be inaugurated at the earliest moment is believed by me to be of major and vital importance from the standpoint of efficiency of our national defense. I strongly urge its favorable consideration."

The request for the \$6,500,000 appropriation was transmitted by the President to Speaker Gillett, of the House. It was referred to the Appropriations Committee for report.

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George B. Mullin, Old District Contractor, Dies

At His Home Here
George B. Mullin, sr., a lifelong resident of Washington, died at his home, 1390 Crittenden street northwest, yesterday, after an illness of several months.

He was fifty-seven years old. Mr. Mullin had been engaged in contracting here for the past thirty-five years. Contracts for excavating in Saul's subdivision, in Chevy Chase and along Connecticut avenue, assisted at the time of his death he held contracts with the District government for excavating and with the State of Maryland for road work.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary A. Mullin, and three sons, George B. Mullin, Jr., Bernard J. and Philip L. Mullin, and one daughter, Mrs. Joseph Maher.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed. Mr. Mullin was assisted in business by two sons, Bernard J. and George B. Mullin, Jr., who will carry on the business.

BIRTHS.
Joseph and Mary Curie, girl, twins.

Charles J. and Alma G. Lane, boy, Frederick S. and Grace A. Barker, girl.

Jesse P. and Naomi E. Brook, boy, Lawrence E. and Addie V. Williams, girl.

William A. and Bertha O. Sykes, girl, John L. and Neisler R. Musselman, boy.

John J. and Rosa E. Cole, girl, James A. and Annie E. Christian, boy, Lester E. and Anna E. Erhardt, girl, Harry R. and Mary Phillips, boy, Timothy J. and Elizabeth Quirk, girl, Raymond W. and Margaret V. King, boy.

Louis T. and Clara E. Roswell, boy, Albert C. and Mary J. Smith, boy, Ralph R. and Louise Nix, girl, Clifford G. and Mary C. Payton, boy, Clayton and Helen Harris, girl, Harry A. and George Brown, boy.

DEATHS.
Lucy A. Ward, 55 years, 3127 P st. N. W.

Longfellow, N. W.

Mary B. Williamson, 3 years, 1204 Longfellow, N. W.

James McBride Stierett, 11 years, Children's Hospital.

Margaret Holmes, 29 years, 2717 Quarry rd. N. W.

Amanda C. Stanley, 85 years, 1681 31st st. N. W.

George W. McDermott, 17 years, Casualty Hospital.

Hilda M. Edwards, 50 years, 7 Iowa Circle N. W.

Cecilia C. Robinson, 58 years, 1343 Montague st. N. W.

Cecilia C. Volkman, 61 years, 330 Prospect ave. N. W.

Allice R. Stahl, 75 years, Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital.

Guatemala Fortie, Jr., 7 months, 747 Seventh st. S. E.

James Taylor, 49 years, 215 3d st. S. W.

George Waugh, 27 years, 514 R st. N. W.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
Unless otherwise specified, all the following applicants are from this city:

Palmer L. Reese, 21, and Catherine L. Williams, 19, Rev. J. A. Cowan.

Charles Bunbury, 27, and Mary Jackson, 28, Rev. W. H. Jernaud.

Thomas W. Crutchfield, 24, of Orange, N. J., and Septimia Scott, 23, Rev. W. J. Howes.

James L. Mann, 21, and Lillian W. Simms, 19, of Alexandria, Va. Rev. C. E. Smith.

Lewis H. Virgil, 23, and Fannie M. Boteas, 23, Rev. C. E. Stewart.

John W. Samuels, 30, and Mary Del Vecchio, 19, Rev. N. M. DeCaro.

Harold B. Ripley, 47, of Lawrenceburg, Ky., and Mary E. Harkins, 33, of Topeka, Kan. Rev. H. A. Tupper.

Noah A. Seifert, 26, of Mago, Pa., and Cynthia H. Gliver, 24, of York, Pa. Rev. H. F. Downes.

Charles W. Adams, 26, and Nannie M. Saffer, 19, of Manassas, Va. Rev. A. F. Poore.

James C. Hunt, 28, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Edith L. Thompson, 28, Rev. H. A. Randolph.

Donald Gottwald, 27, of Akron, O., and Nina L. Lynch, 22, Rev. T. A. Walsh.

Allie B. Annadale, 30, and Margaret L. Casey, 35, Rev. J. J. Brooks.

Anthony A. Redden, 38, and Mabel B. Sayles, 32, Rev. A. J. Olds.

James H. Fletcher, 29, and Mary M. Barber, 32, Rev. J. J. Olds.

Benjamin M. Neitzey, 26, and Catherine C. Willis, 24, Rev. J. E. Freeman.

Donald J. M. Reed, 24, and R. Sappington, 24, Rev. L. S. Wormley.

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DEATH NOTICES

HARRISON. Suddenly, on Friday, December 29, 1922, at his residence 1926 Nichols avenue southeast, JAMES T. HARRISON. Funeral Monday, January 1, at 2 o'clock, from Anacostia Methodist Episcopal Church. Relatives and friends invited. Interment in Congressional Cemetery.

McDERMOTT. On Friday, December 29, 1922, GEORGE W. below son of Raymond and Bertie McDermott, of Bladensburg, Md., aged seventeen years. Funeral services Monday, January 1, at 10:30 a. m., at St. Jerome Catholic Church, Hyattsville, Md. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Bladensburg, Md.

MULLIN. December 30, 1922, at 7:30 a. m. at his residence, 1390 Crittenden st. N. W., GEORGE B. sr., the beloved husband of MARY A. MULLIN (nee Endres). Funeral from the residence, 9:15 a. m., January 2, 1923, thence to Church of Nativity, where requiem mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a. m. Interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

ORBELLO. Dec. 29, 1922, at 8 a. m. at his residence, 2415 20th St. N. W., CAESAR P. ORBELLO, husband of Alice G. (nee Greenwell). Funeral Monday, Jan. 1, 1923, at 2 p. m., from St. Paul's Catholic Church. Interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

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